Reducing share of power from Central power plants of Rajasthan

†1493. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether share of power to Rajasthan from Central Power Plants is reducing consistently because of the formula evolved by Central owned power projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that present power distribution system from Central owned power projects like NTPC/NHPC has been reconsidered; and

(c) if so, the new targets set in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The power from Central Sector power stations, was being allocated among the States/UTs of a region in accordance with a formula based upon the Central Plan Assistance and actual energy consumption in the State of the region for previous five years, the two factors being given equal weightage. It has, however, been decided in April, 2000 that for future proejcts, the existing "formula" for allocation of powr to the States/UTs from new Central Sector power stations would be treated as "guidelines" so as to link the allocation of power with the need and capacity of constituent States to pay. However, there is no change in the contents of the formula and it does not disturb the allocation already made from the Central Sector Power Stations.

Selling off old coal-based plants of NTPC

1494. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to sell certain old coal-based plants of NTPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of the plants to be sold in near future; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve capacity addition programme of 20000 MW over the next 10 years?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) National Thermal Power Corporation's (NTPC) Corporate Plan prepared in 1998 envisaged fresh capacity addition programme of about 20000 MW by 2012. During 10th Plan period, NTPC has planned to add 9160 MW of new capacity. Presently, 4800 MW of projects are under execution by NTPC. Capacity addition in 10th Plan is being closely monitored and NTPC has an exemplary track record of executing projects on time.

Potential of hydel power generation in NER

1495. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the potential of Hydel Power Generation of North-Eastern Region;

(b) what steps are taken to promote Hydel Power Projects in these States; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission while fixing the targets for Tenth Plan for power generation has taken into consideration the potential of hydro-power generation of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (c) Government of India has introduced three-stage development of hydro-electric projects in the Central Sector with the object of reducing time and cost overruns during the implementation of these projects. A basin-wise 'Ranking Study' of all the balance hydroelectric potential has been carried out by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). The Ranking Study gives *inter-se* prioritisation of the projects which could be considered for further implementation including their survey & investigation so that hydro power development is carried out in an appropriate sequence. In the re-assessment studies carried out by Central Electricity Authority from 1978-87, the identified hydro capacity of North Eastern region has been estimated as 58971 MW. Out of the above, 1070 MW of the identified potential has been harnessed so far while another 379 MW